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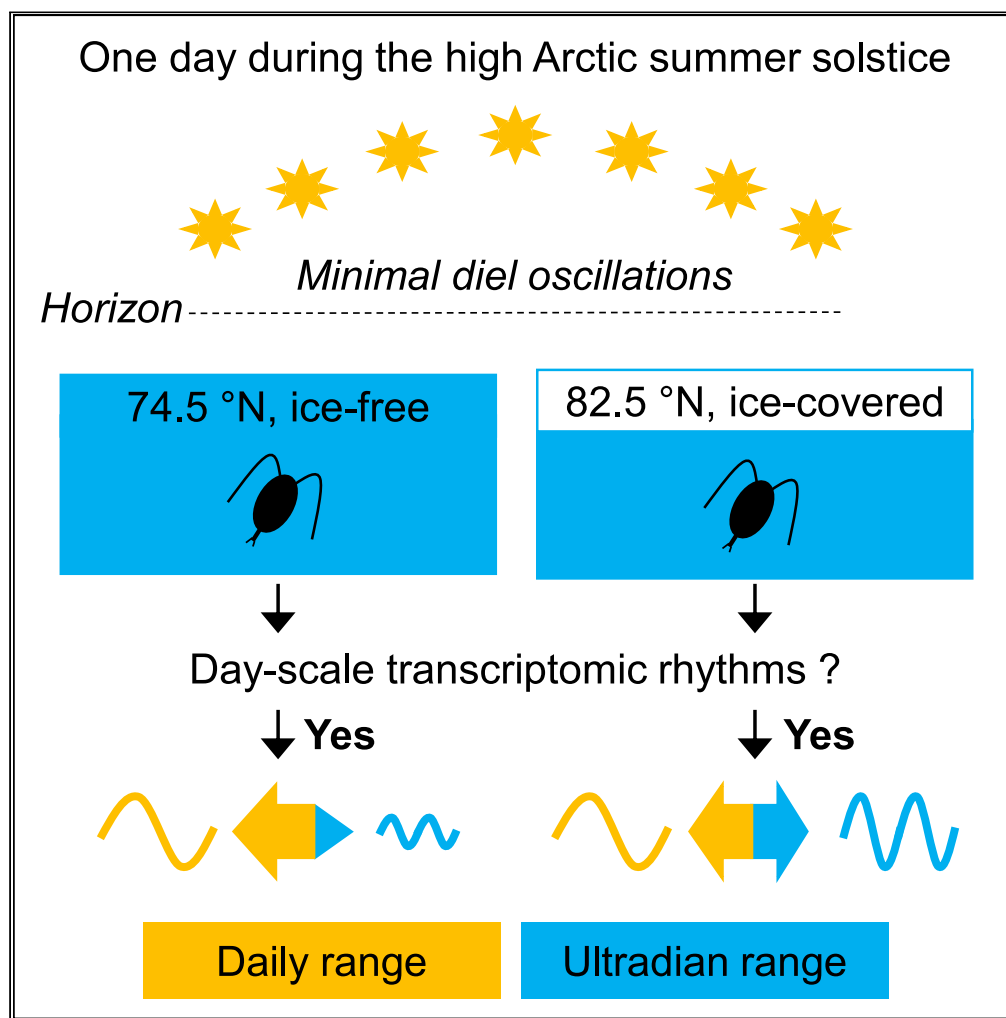
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**Highlights**

Transcriptomic rhythms  
persist in *C. finmarchicus*  
during the midnight sun  
period

Daily transcripts dominate  
in ice-free environments  
and at lower latitude

Ultradian transcripts are  
revealed under sea-ice  
and at higher latitude

Reorganization of the  
transcriptome might be an  
adaptation to under-ice  
tidal cues

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## Summary

**Solar light/dark cycles and seasonal photoperiods underpin daily and annual rhythms of life on Earth. Yet, the Arctic is characterized by several months of permanent illumination (“midnight sun”). To determine the persistence of 24h rhythms during the midnight sun, we investigated transcriptomic dynamics in the copepod *Calanus finmarchicus* during the summer solstice period in the Arctic, with the lowest diel oscillation and the highest altitude of the sun’s position. Here we reveal that in these extreme photic conditions, a widely rhythmic daily transcriptome exists, showing that very weak solar cues are sufficient to entrain organisms. Furthermore, at extremely high latitudes and under sea-ice, gene oscillations become re-organized to include <24h rhythms. Environmental synchronization may therefore be modulated to include non-photoc signals (i.e. tidal cycles). The ability of zooplankton to be synchronized by extremely weak diel and potentially tidal cycles, may confer an adaptive temporal reorganization of biological processes at high latitudes.**

## Introduction

The day/night cycle structures biological processes from gene expression to physiology and behavior (Helm et al., 2017; Mermet et al., 2017). Organisms may respond directly to external stimuli (exogenous) or indirectly (endogenous) via the internal circadian clock. This molecular mechanism enables organisms to track changes in their environment by using the highly predictable light/dark cycle as a *Zeitgeber* (time-giver) although other clocks are known to synchronize to other monotonous cycles (i.e. tidal, lunar, and annual). Endogenous clocks are of adaptive advantage because they enable organisms to anticipate and prepare for predictable environmental changes by temporally organizing short- and long-term biological processes (Helm et al., 2017). However, it is still unclear how this temporal biological organization is facilitated in organisms inhabiting extreme photic environments. In high latitude marine environments without overt day/night cycles such as during the midnight sun period in the Arctic, the sun remains above the horizon for days or months (Abhilash et al., 2017; Bertolini et al., 2019; Bloch et al., 2013; Schmal et al., 2020). Entrainment of the circadian clock by light and associated rhythmic gene oscillations is therefore considered unlikely (Schmal et al., 2020). The persistence of daily rhythms is particularly questionable during the summer solstice, which represents the paroxysmal period of midnight sun, with the lowest diel oscillation and the highest altitude of the sun’s position above the horizon (Schmal et al., 2020).

*C. finmarchicus* is a member of the “*Calanus* Complex”, which constitutes up to 80% of the zooplankton biomass in the Arctic ocean (Søreide et al., 2008). Copepods provide a crucial trophic link between primary production and higher trophic levels, with significant impact on biochemical cycles via the biological carbon pump (Giering et al., 2014; Sanders et al., 2014; Søreide et al., 2008). Moreover, this key planktonic species has been shown to expand its habitat range poleward tracking isotherms as a consequence of climate change (Reygondeau and Beaugrand, 2011). As a consequence it will be exposed to greater annual photo-periodic ranges to which it has evolved (Reygondeau and Beaugrand, 2011), with unknown impacts on its phenology and fitness (Huffeldt, 2020; Saikkonen et al., 2012). A functional circadian clock has been described in this species under clear light/dark cycles (Häfker et al., 2017), and a recent study revealed circadian clock gene transcript oscillation in *C. finmarchicus* in the high Arctic during summer solstice,

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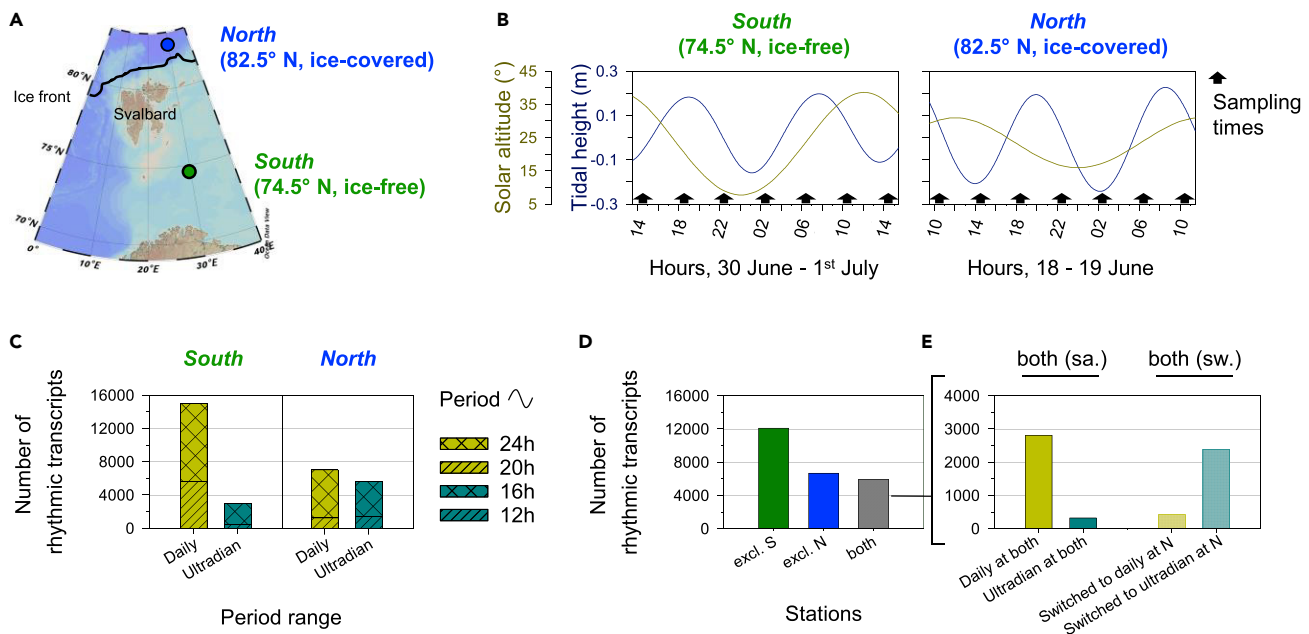
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**Figure 1. Sampling strategy and results of the rhythmic analysis at South (74.5°N, ice-free) and North (82.5°N, ice-covered) stations**

(A) Map with sampled stations South (74.5°N, ice-free) and North (82.5°N, ice-covered) and the position of the ice edge at the day of sampling at North. (B) Solar altitude above the horizon (°, dark yellow) and tidal height (m, dark blue) cycles over the sampling times at each station. Sampling of *Calanus finmarchicus* (indicated by black arrows) covered a complete 24h cycle at 4h intervals at each station, from the 30<sup>th</sup> June at 14-15h to 1<sup>st</sup> July at 14-15h at South (9 days after summer solstice), and from the 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10-11h to the 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10-11h at North (3 days before summer solstice). For each time point and station, RNA sequencing was performed on 3 pools of 15 CV stage C. *finmarchicus*. The time was indicated in hours, local time (UTC +2). C-D-E. Results of rhythmic transcripts quantification (RAIN algorithm) with an adjusted-p-value cutoff of 0.001.

(C) Number of daily (20h and 24h, mustard yellow) and ultradian (12h and 16h, cyan) transcripts at each station.

(D) Number of rhythmic transcripts (both daily and ultradian) exclusively at South station ("excl. S"), exclusively at North station ("excl. N"), and at both stations ("both").

(E) Details on rhythmic transcripts at both stations. On the left, rhythmic transcripts at both stations with the same period range of oscillation ("both [sa.]"): daily at both station (full mustard yellow) and ultradian at both stations (full cyan). On the right, rhythmic transcripts at both station with a switch of period range at North ("both [sw.]"): ultradian transcripts at South switching to daily at North (stripped mustard yellow) and daily transcripts at South switching to ultradian at North (stripped cyan).

showing that the core molecular clockwork remains synchronized at this time (Hüppe et al., 2020). It is still unclear whether this clock synchronization leads to daily rhythms.

Copepods are among the important non-model marine invertebrates for which genomic resources are still limited, one barrier being that many species, including *C. finmarchicus*, have large genomes, difficult to sequence (Bron et al., 2011; Choquet et al., 2019; Tarrant et al., 2019a). The *de novo* transcriptome of *C. finmarchicus* (Lenz et al., 2014) has provided a platform to study the expression of rhythmically expressed mRNAs (Hughes et al., 2017; Li et al., 2015a; Mermert et al., 2017). Indeed, at the molecular level, the endogenous clock machinery drives the rhythmic expression of downstream genes whose rhythmic translation and function ultimately underlie daily oscillations at a cellular and organismal level (Li et al., 2015b).

In order to determine the persistence of daily rhythms during the midnight sun, we investigated *in situ* daily transcriptomic rhythms in *C. finmarchicus* during the summer solstice at a southern (74.5° N) sea-ice-free and a northern (82.5° N) sea-ice-covered station in the Barents and Arctic Seas respectively.

## Results and discussion

### Evidence of rhythmic transcriptomes during the summer solstice in the high Arctic

We sampled copepods at 74.5° N (south station, ice-free) and 82.5° N (north station, ice-covered) (hereafter referred to South and North respectively) on the 30° E longitude, within nine days of the summer solstice (Figure 1A). During the sampling periods, the sun remained above the horizon all day at both stations but still showed diel oscillations of altitude (Figure 1B) and photosynthetic active radiation (Hüppe et al., 2020).

| Station | Period range  | Daily             |                   | Ultradian         |                 | Daily             | Ultradian         | All rhythmic      |
|---------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         | Period (h)    | 24                | 20                | 16                | 12              |                   |                   |                   |
| South   | Adj-p < 0.001 | 9 459<br>(12.4%)  | 5 602<br>(7.3%)   | 2 533<br>(3.3%)   | 451<br>(0.6%)   | 15,061<br>(19.7%) | 2 984<br>(3.9%)   | 18,045<br>(23.6%) |
|         | Adj-p < 0.01  | 18,083<br>(23.6%) | 9 930<br>(13.0%)  | 6 327<br>(8.3%)   | 1 572<br>(2.1%) | 28,013<br>(36.6%) | 7 899<br>(10.3%)  | 35,912<br>(46.9%) |
|         | Adj-p < 0.05  | 25,062<br>(32.7%) | 13,168<br>(17.2%) | 10,728<br>(14.0%) | 3 217<br>(4.2%) | 38,230<br>(49.9%) | 13,945<br>(18.2%) | 52,175<br>(68.2%) |
| North   | Adj-p < 0.001 | 5 754<br>(7.5%)   | 1 268<br>(1.7%)   | 4 208<br>(5.5%)   | 1 404<br>(1.8%) | 7 022<br>(9.2%)   | 5 612<br>(7.3%)   | 12,634<br>(16.5%) |
|         | Adj-p < 0.01  | 12,864<br>(16.8%) | 2 729<br>(3.6%)   | 8 719<br>(11.4%)  | 3 993<br>(5.2%) | 15,593<br>(20.4%) | 12,712<br>(16.6%) | 28,305<br>(37.0%) |
|         | Adj-p < 0.05  | 20,155<br>(26.3%) | 4 188<br>(5.5%)   | 13,620<br>(17.8%) | 7 280<br>(9.5%) | 24,343<br>(31.8%) | 20,900<br>(27.3%) | 45,243<br>(59.1%) |

**Table 1. Detailed results of the rhythmic analysis (RAIN Algorithm) at South (74.5° N, Ice-free) and North (82.5° N, ice-covered) stations**

RAIN results expressed as: number (percentage of total transcripts).

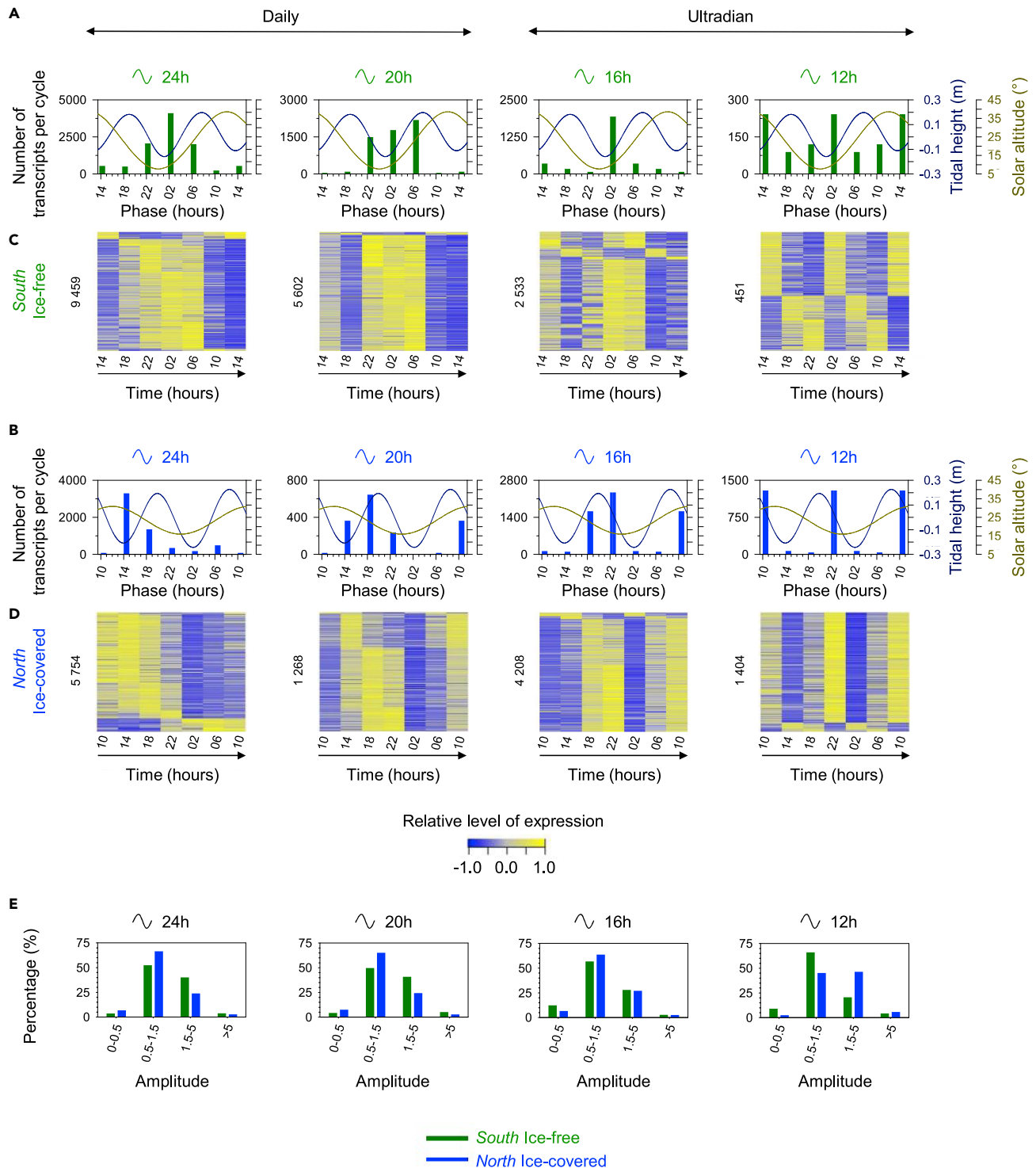
Number of total transcripts = 76,550.

Number (and equivalence in percentage of total transcripts) of transcripts with the most significant results for 24h, 20h, 16h, or 12h period lengths, with an adjusted-p-value cutoff of <0.001, <0.01, and <0.05. Period lengths of 24h and 20h are in the daily period range. Period lengths of 16h and 12h are in the ultradian period range. "All rhythmic" include daily and ultradian transcripts. Results with adjusted-p-value < 0.001 were selected for this study.

*North* experienced lower diel oscillations of the sun's altitude due to the higher latitude and proximity to the summer solstice when compared to *South*. Furthermore *North* was under snow covered sea-ice, attenuating light irradiance and spectral composition of the water column (Wallace et al., 2010). Both stations exhibited semidiurnal tidal cycles (~12.4h), with slightly higher tidal amplitudes at *North*. Net sampling at both stations was performed at 4h intervals over 24 h and the gene expression of *C. finmarchicus* (CV stage) was analyzed on the transcriptomic level for each time point and station using RNA sequencing as described in Payton et al. (2020) (Figure 1B).

Sequencing yielded a depth of 70.4 million reads per sample, optimizing the detection of rhythmic transcripts (Hughes et al., 2017; Li et al., 2015b) in *C. finmarchicus* which has a large genome (Choquet et al., 2019). For each station, temporal expression of 76,550 transcripts was obtained. These data were analyzed for significant periods at 20h and 24h (hereafter termed "daily") and 12h and 16h (hereafter termed "ultradian") periods, assuming that they are the results of an endogenous clock regulation or a direct response to environmental factors (Helm et al., 2017) (Table 1).

Our analysis yielded a total of 18 045 (23.6% of total transcripts) and 12 634 (16.5% of total transcripts) rhythmically expressed genes at *South* and *North* stations respectively (adjusted-p-value < 0.001, Table 1). The number of rhythmic transcripts achieved a total of 52 175 at *South* and 45 243 at *North*, by increasing the adjusted-p-value cutoff to 0.05, representing 68.2% and 59.1% of the total transcriptome respectively (Table 1). Representing the first *in situ* day-scale transcriptomic rhythm analysis in the Arctic Polar region, the results revealed a substantial temporal organization at the transcriptomic level in *C. finmarchicus* during the time of summer solstice, when daily changes in the sun's altitude are at a minimum, near the lowest anywhere on the planet. A comparable study from the Antarctic Polar region shows that about 600 genes (1.9% of total transcripts tested) oscillated in Antarctic krill *Euphausia superba* during an Antarctic summer day (Pittà et al., 2013). In the current study, with higher sequencing depth and a more powerful sampling strategy (Hughes et al., 2017; Li et al., 2015b), we show that the number of genes rhythmically transcribed in *C. finmarchicus* in the absence of light/dark cycles is comparable to other marine invertebrates (Biscontin et al., 2019; Connor and Gracey, 2011; Payton et al., 2017; Pittà et al., 2013; Satoh and Terai, 2019; Schnytzer et al., 2018; Tarrant et al., 2019b) or terrestrial mammals (Mermet et al., 2017) in temperate regions.



**Figure 2. Rhythmic patterns at South (74.5°N, ice-free) and North (82.5°N, ice-covered) stations and coincidence with environmental cycles**  
(A and B) Phase distributions of daily (24h and 20h period lengths, adj-p < 0.001) and ultradian transcripts (16h and 12h period lengths, adj-p < 0.001) at South (A) and North (B), according to RAIN algorithm, expressed as the number of transcripts per cycle at each sampling time (hours). Solar altitude above the horizon (°, dark yellow) and tidal height (m, dark blue) cycles over the sampling times at each station were plotted in the background.  
(C and D). Heatmaps of daily (24h and 20h period lengths, adj-p < 0.001) and ultradian transcripts (16h and 12h period lengths, adj-p < 0.001) at South (C) and North (D), showing the relative level of expression of rhythmic transcripts along the sampling times (hours), normalized to the median of each transcript.

**Figure 2. Continued**

Lowest levels of expression were in blue, highest levels of expression were in yellow, and the transcripts were ordered by phases. The numbers of transcripts for each period length and station were indicated on the left of heatmaps. The time was indicated in hours, local time (UTC +2). (E) Amplitude ranges distribution of daily (24h and 20h period lengths, adj-p < 0.001) and ultradian transcripts (16h and 12h period lengths, adj-p < 0.001) at *South* (green) and *North* (blue), expressed as percentage of rhythmic transcripts per period length and station. An amplitude of 0.5 means that the difference between the minimal and the maximal levels of expression is equal to 0.5 times the minimal level.

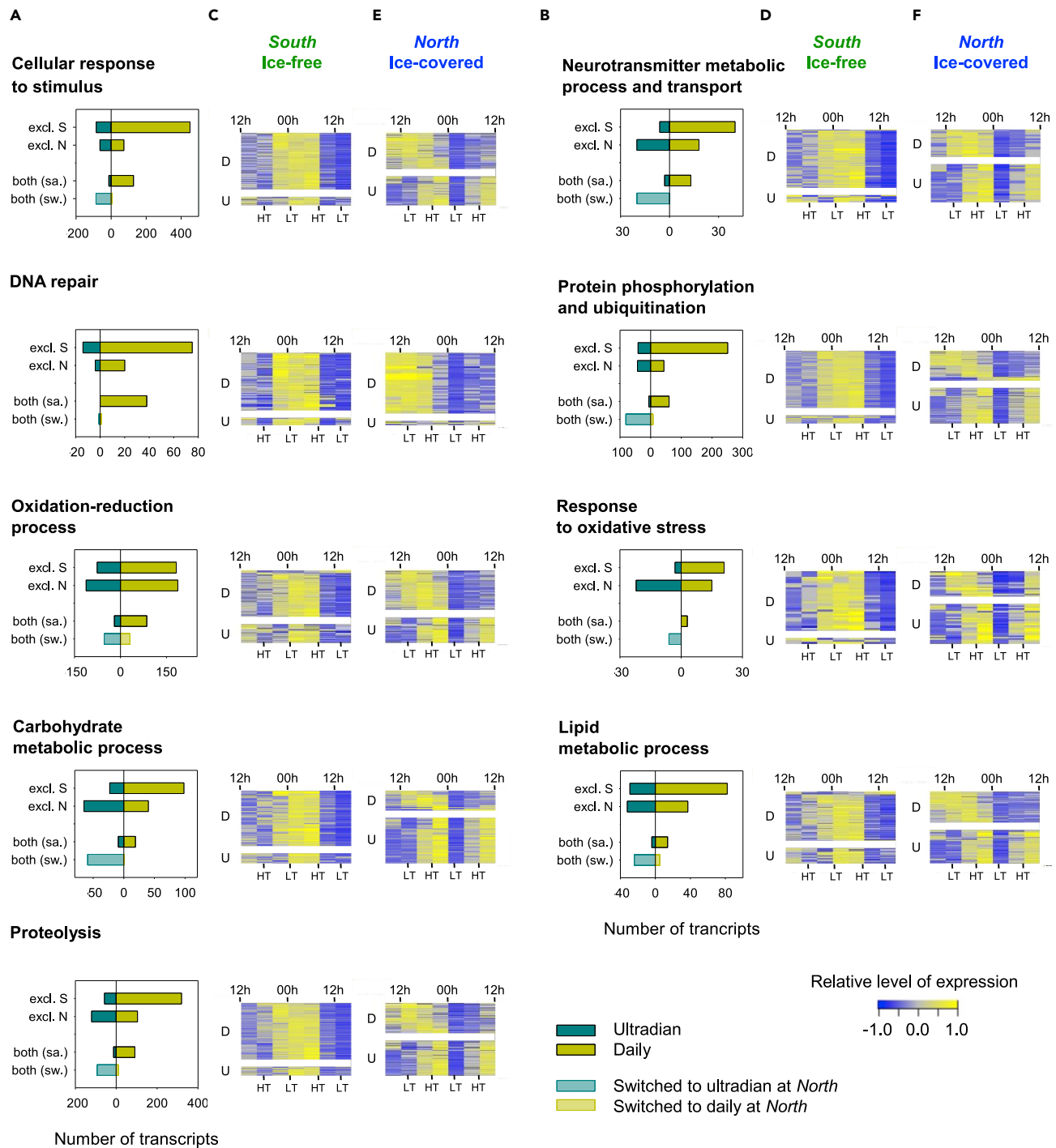
**Characterization of latitude specific cyclic transcriptome and coincidence with environmental cycles**

Both stations revealed significant daily and ultradian cycling transcripts (adjusted-p-value < 0.001, [Table 1](#) and [Figure 1C](#)). This result corroborates with the bimodal oscillations of circadian clock gene transcripts recently described by [Hüppe et al. \(2020\)](#) and validated by the current transcriptomic analysis ([Figure S1](#)), characterized by both daily and ultradian rhythms. Interestingly, a lower number of daily transcripts were detected at *North*, where they were 2.1 times less numerous than at *South* ([Table 1](#) and [Figure 1C](#)) which may be attributable to lower diel oscillations of solar altitude and the presence of sea-ice cover, and corroborates with the lower amplitude of daily oscillation of *clock*, *period 1* and *timeless* at *North* ([Hüppe et al., 2020](#)). To increase understanding of daily transcripts at both stations, phase of gene expression with that of the environmental cycles was determined, i.e. the time of peaks of expression during the reporting period ([Figures 2A–2D](#)). Differences in phase of daily transcripts was observed between *South* ([Figures 2A and 2C](#)) and *North* ([Figures 2B and 2D](#)). While daily transcripts at *South* could be defined as “nocturnal”, as most peak expressions occurred when solar irradiance reached its daily minimum between 22h and 7h, most of the daily transcripts at *North* peaked between 14h and 23h, when solar altitude and irradiance was decreasing ([Figures 2A–2D](#)). A consistent phase shift of expression between stations was observed in the expression of the positive regulators of the circadian clock: *clock* peaking at 6h at *South* and 19h at *North*; *cycle* peaking at 22h at *South* and 19h at *North* ([Hüppe et al., 2020](#)). In addition to being more numerous at *South*, the proportion of daily transcripts with high amplitudes (1.5–5; >5) is greater at *South* than at *North* ([Figure 2E](#)).

In contrast to the daily transcripts, an increase of ultradian transcripts was observed at *North*, where they were 1.9 times more numerous than at *South* ([Table 1](#) and [Figure 1C](#)). Thus, the rhythmic transcriptomes at *South* and *North* were characterized by different daily/ultradian ratios: 83.5% were daily and 16.5% were ultradian at *South*, while 55.6% were daily and 44.4% were ultradian at *North* ([Table 1](#) and [Figure 1C](#)). These ratios reflect the pattern of circadian clock gene transcripts, for which an increase of ultradian oscillations was clearly observed at *North* ([Hüppe et al., 2020](#)). Ultradian transcriptomic rhythms have been increasingly reported over the past decade in a wide range of species ([Ananthasubramaniam et al., 2018](#); [Biscontin et al., 2019](#); [Connor and Gracey, 2011](#); [Hughes et al., 2009](#); [Payton et al., 2017](#); [Pittà et al., 2013](#); [Satoh and Terai, 2019](#); [Schnytzer et al., 2018](#); [Tarrant et al., 2019b](#); [Westermarck and Herzel, 2013](#); [Zhu et al., 2018](#)). These oscillations often cycle at different harmonics of the circadian rhythm, and among these, the ~12h oscillation is most prevalent ([Ananthasubramaniam et al., 2018](#); [Hughes et al., 2009](#); [Westermarck and Herzel, 2013](#); [Zhu et al., 2018](#)). Further, ultradian transcriptomic oscillations of ~12.4h, also called (circa) tidal oscillations, are observed in marine organisms under the influence of semidiurnal tidal cycles ([Connor and Gracey, 2011](#); [Mat et al., 2020](#); [Satoh and Terai, 2019](#); [Schnytzer et al., 2018](#)). Here, ultradian transcripts phased to tides at both *South* and *North*, with two different phase patterns depending on the station ([Figures 2A–2D](#)). At *South*, most of the ultradian transcripts showed a peak of expression with low tides ([Figures 2A and 2C](#)), while at *North*, most of the ultradian transcripts showed a peak of expression with high tides ([Figures 2B and 2C](#)). In contrast to circadian transcripts, the proportion of ultradian transcripts with high amplitudes (1.5–5; >5) is equivalent to (16h transcripts) or greater (12h transcripts) at *North* than at *South* ([Figure 2E](#)).

To further compare *South* with *North*, we analyzed if the same genes were rhythmically transcribed at both stations. The results showed that a large proportion of the total rhythmic transcripts (adjusted-p-value < 0.001) were specific to each station (67.1% at *South*; 52.9% at *North*), with 12 101 transcripts being exclusively rhythmic at *South* and 6 690 exclusively rhythmic at *North* ([Figure 1D](#)). These station-specific rhythmic transcripts might reflect differences between ice-free (*South*) and ice-covered (*North*) ecosystems, leading to differential physiological requirements. For example, in ice-covered areas where phytoplankton in the water column is scarce, the sea-ice algae community is a critical food source for copepods ([David et al., 2015](#); [Søreide et al., 2008; 2013](#); [Wallace et al., 2010](#)), the nutritional quality of which differs to phytoplankton blooms in ice-free waters ([Falk-Petersen et al., 1998](#)). In contrast, the 5 944 transcripts that





**Figure 3. Rhythmic biological processes of interest**

cellular response to stimulus (GO:0051716), neurotransmitter metabolic process and transport (GO:0042133, GO:0006836), DNA repair (GO:0006281), protein phosphorylation and ubiquitination (GO:0006468, GO:0016567), oxidation-reduction process (GO:0055114), response to oxidative stress (GO:0006979), carbohydrate metabolic process (GO:0005975), lipid metabolic process (GO:0006629) and proteolysis (GO:0006508). (A and B) Details of the rhythmic analysis per biological process. For each biological process, the number of transcripts “excl. S” (transcripts exclusively rhythmic at South), “excl. N” (transcripts exclusively rhythmic at North), “both (sa.)” (transcripts rhythmic at both stations, with the same period range) and “both (sw.)” (transcripts rhythmic at both stations, with a switch of period range at North) is detailed. For each category, the ultradian transcripts were shown in cyan (full or striped) and the daily transcripts were shown in mustard yellow (full or striped). “both (sw.)” transcripts were shown as expressed at North.



**Figure 3. Continued**

(C–F) Heatmaps of all rhythmic transcripts per biological process at *South* (C and D) and at *North* (E and F). The level of expression of each transcripts was normalized to the median and transcripts were ordered by phases. Lowest levels of expression were in blue, highest levels of expression were in yellow. The daily transcripts “D” were at the top and the ultradian transcripts “U” at the bottom. The time was indicated in hours, local time (UTC +2). 12h corresponded to the highest and 00h to the lowest solar altitude of the day at each station, “HT”: high tide, “LT”: low tide.

See also [Tables S1](#) and [S2](#).

were rhythmic in animals sampled at both stations, could reflect common physiological requirements ([Figure 1D](#)). Of these genes, about half showed distinct changes in their period ([Figure 1E](#)) with most (2 388) changing from daily at *South* to ultradian at *North*. We propose therefore, that the pattern of temporal regulation of common physiological processes is specific to each environment and that gene expression is re-organized according to an under-ice habitat.

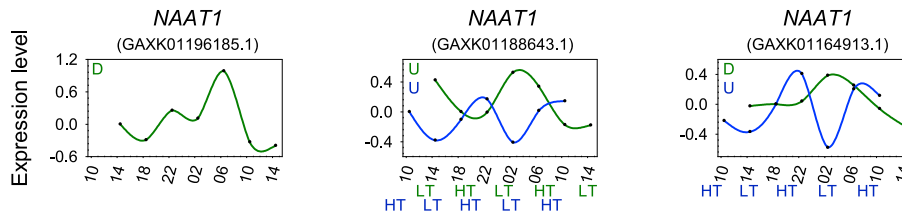
**Rhythmic biological processes of interest**

Gene ontology (GO) analysis revealed that rhythmic transcripts at both latitudes were particularly common to metabolic and cellular process, signaling, response to stimuli, localization or biological regulation ([Figures S2A](#), [S3A](#), and [S4A](#)). To gain a better understanding of the rhythmic biology in *C. finmarchicus*, nine key biological processes particularly observed in rhythmic transcripts ([Table S1](#)) were selected based on enrichment analysis (results are presented [Figures S2B](#), [S3B](#), and [S4B](#)) to get a more detailed insight into their temporal regulation ([Figure 3](#)). Examples of genes from functional groups presented in [Figure 3](#) are provided in [Table S2](#) and [Figure 4](#). By analyzing the rhythmic status of genes involved in these nine key biological processes ([Figure 3](#)), we noted that: (1) a combination of daily and ultradian transcripts were observed for each process at both *South* and *North*, rather than daily- and ultradian-specific processes; (2) an increase of ultradian oscillations across all biological processes examined, except “DNA repair”, occurred at *North*, explained by both station-specific and common rhythmic transcripts switching from daily at *South* to ultradian at *North* and; (3) the time of peaks of expression (phases) according to daily or tidal cycles is specific to each station.

Rhythmic patterns of “cellular response to stimulus” supported the observation of the persistence of a daily rhythmic environmental stimulus at both stations, despite the sun always staying above the horizon. Interestingly, over the common rhythmic transcripts between both stations, 128 present daily oscillations at both stations ([Figure 3A](#), both (sa.), full mustard yellow), while 87 switch from daily oscillations at *South* to ultradian ones at *North* ([Figure 3A](#), both (sw.), striped cyan). Finally, while 87% of rhythmic transcripts associated to “cellular response to stimulus” have daily oscillations at *South*, with peaks of expression between 22h and 7h ([Figure 3C](#)), the proportion of daily transcripts decrease to 56% at *North*, peaking between 10h and 23h ([Figure 3E](#)). In parallel, the proportion of ultradian transcripts increases from 13% at *South* ([Figure 3C](#)) to 44% in the *North* ([Figure 3E](#)), with clear peaks of expression around high tides at this station (*North*) ([Figure 3E](#)). These results support the idea of the increasing response to an ultradian environmental stimulus (e.g. tides) at *North*. This trend is even more accentuated in the rhythmic transcription of genes involved in “neurotransmitter metabolic process and transport” ([Figures 3B](#), [3D](#), and [3F](#)), for which the proportion of ultradian transcripts is more evident than the one of daily transcripts at *North*. Indeed, the daily/ultradian ratio differs from 89%/11% at *South* ([Figures 3D](#)) to 42%/58% at *North* ([Figure 3F](#)). Neurotransmitters are involved in a wide range of processes comprising temporal organization, such as photic entrainment of the circadian clock, or transmission of clock outputs such as the circadian food anticipatory activity ([Golombek and Rosenstein, 2010](#); [Gotow and Nishi, 2008](#); [Patton and Mistlberger, 2013](#)). Among rhythmic transcripts involved in “neurotransmitter metabolic process and transport” in this study, 3 isoforms of *Sodium-dependent nutrient amino acid transporter 1* (NAAT1) are identified ([Figures 4A](#) and [Table S2B](#)). This amino acid/sodium cotransporter that promotes absorption of essential amino acids has been shown to be expressed with a daily rhythm in circadian neurons of *Drosophila* ([Abruzzi et al., 2017](#)). In our study, one isoform of NAAT1 is rhythmically expressed exclusively at *South*, with a daily rhythm and a peak of expression at 6–7h ([Figure 4A](#) and [Table S2B](#)). A second isoform shows ultradian oscillations at both latitudes, but showing a phase shift, the peak of expression being at rising tides at *South* and around high tides at *North* ([Figure 4A](#) and [Table S2B](#)). Finally, a third isoform of NAAT1 is also rhythmically expressed at both latitudes, but with a daily rhythm at *South* and an ultradian rhythm at *North* ([Figure 4A](#) and [Table S2B](#)). This result clearly illustrates the environment-dependent modulation of gene expression in terms of period and phase of rhythmic expression. In contrast, the “DNA repair” function, widely described to be under the control of the circadian clock in other species ([Borgs et al., 2009](#)), showed the majority of daily oscillations at both *South* and *North*. This result suggests that

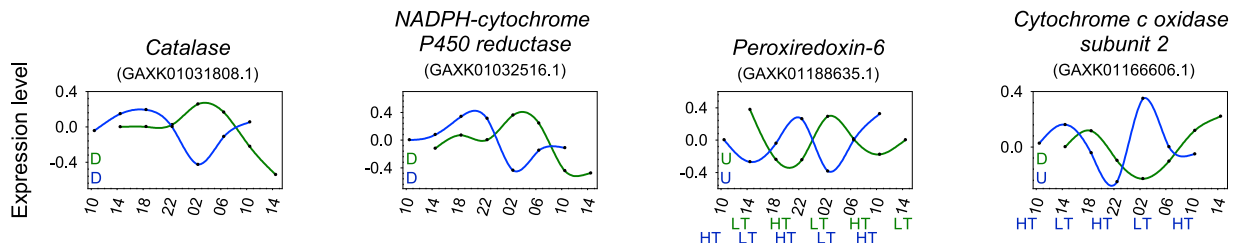
A

Neurotransmitter metabolic process and transport



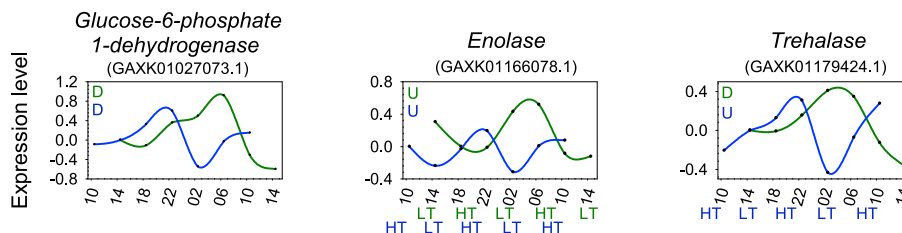
B

Oxido-reduction process



C

Carbohydrate metabolic process



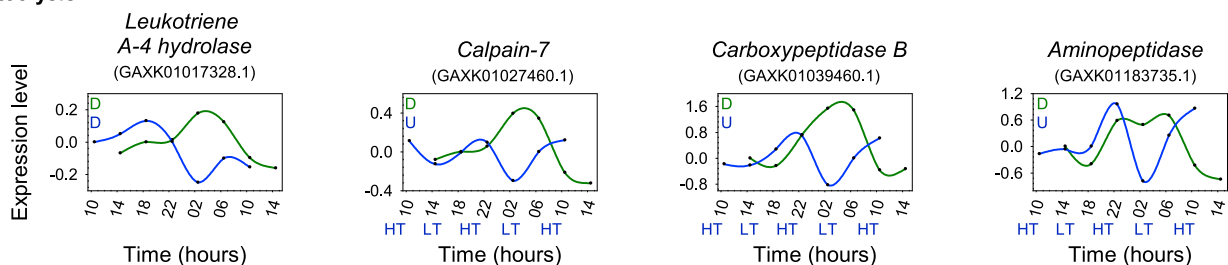
D

Lipid metabolic process



E

Proteolysis



**Figure 4. Examples of rhythmic transcripts involved in key biological processes**

Expression profiles of genes involved in neurotransmitter metabolic process and transport (GO:0042133, GO:0006836) (A), oxidation-reduction process (GO:0055114) (B), carbohydrate metabolic process (GO:0005975) (C), lipid metabolic process (GO:0006629) (D) and proteolysis (GO:0006508) (E) at the South ice-free station (green) and the North ice-covered station (blue). "D" and "U" correspond to significant daily or ultradian rhythm (adj-p < 0.001), the color corresponding to the station. "HT": high tide, "LT": low tide, the color corresponding to the station. Details about rhythmic transcripts presented in this Figure are available [Table S2](#).

the increase of ultradian oscillations at *North* may not be beneficial for all functions. However, despite the general common daily pattern for this function, a clear phase shift is noted between stations, with peaks of expression between 22h and 7h at *South* (Figure 3C), and between 10h and 23h at *North* (Figure 3E), highlighting again a clear environment-specific modulation of cellular processes. While chronobiological data are still scarce in marine organisms, some DNA repair genes have been identified to peak during nighttime in the mussel *Mytilus californianus* under temperate region's natural environment simulation in the laboratory (Connor and Gracey, 2020). Another function strongly represented by rhythmic transcripts is "protein phosphorylation and ubiquitination". The role of posttranscriptional mechanisms in rhythmic regulatory processes is increasingly demonstrated (Mauvoisin et al., 2015; Mermet et al., 2017). Thus, rhythmic transcripts involved in "protein phosphorylation and ubiquitination" suggests continued cyclic regulation at the proteomic level, with again a clear increase of the proportion of ultradian patterns at *North*. We also show clear rhythms in "oxidation-reduction process" and "response to oxidative stress" at both stations. The redox status of organisms involved in many cellular reactions, from respiration to metabolism, appears to be widely rhythmic in all species and all these functions are related to the endogenous clock (Biscontin et al., 2019; Eckel-Mahan and Sassone-Corsi, 2009; O'Neill et al., 2015; Pittà et al., 2013; Putker and O'Neill, 2016). While daily oscillations of redox markers are observed in terrestrial organisms, tidal oscillations, such as cytochrome oxidase subunits expression, have also been observed in marine organisms such as the crustacean *Eurydice pulchra* (O'Neill et al., 2015). In the current study, the increase of ultradian regulation at *North* can be illustrated by the switch of the rhythmic expression of cytochrome c oxidase subunit 2, from daily at *South* to ultradian at *North* (Figure 4B and Table S2E). However, ultradian oscillations are not limited to the *North* station, as illustrated by the ultradian expression of an isoform of Peroxiredoxin-6 at both stations, peaking just after low tides at *South*, and just after high tides at *North*. Oxidation-reduction cycles of peroxiredoxin proteins have been thought to constitute a universal marker for circadian rhythms in all domains of life (Edgar et al., 2012). While daily transcription of peroxiredoxins have been shown in the Antarctic krill *Euphausia superba* (Pittà et al., 2013), overoxidation of peroxiredoxin follows a circatidal pattern in *E. pulchra* (O'Neill et al., 2015). On the other hand, one of the isoforms of Catalase, an important antioxidant enzyme (Nandi et al., 2019), or NADPH-cytochrome P450 reductase, an essential component for the function of many enzymes including cytochrome P450 (Weng et al., 2005), exhibit a daily rhythm at both stations, revealing the intertwining of daily and ultradian rhythms of oxidation-reduction processes observed in this study. Finally, we highlighted the temporal expression of transcripts involved in key metabolic processes for energy use and storage in the active CV stage copepodites (Häfker et al., 2018): i.e "carbohydrate metabolic process", "lipid metabolic process" and "proteolysis" (Figure 3). Most of the common rhythmic transcripts (both [sa.] and both [sw.]) associated to these key metabolic functions switch from daily oscillations at *South* to ultradian ones at *North* (Figures 3A and 3B). Moreover, there is a large proportion of ultradian transcripts in genes exclusively rhythmic at *North* (excl. N), while the daily transcripts are in the majority in genes exclusively rhythmic at *South* (excl. S) for these functions (Figures 3A and 3B). A clear change of the daily/ultradian ratio for rhythmic transcripts associated to these key metabolic processes is observed between *South* (Figures 3C and 3D) and *North* (Figure 3E and 3F). Indeed, while daily transcripts are in the majority at *South*, representing 84%, 76%, and 86% of rhythmic genes involved in "carbohydrate metabolic process", "lipid metabolic process", and "proteolysis", respectively (Figure 3C and 3D); the proportion is much more nuanced at *North*, where the ultradian transcripts even become the majority, representing respectively 69%, 52%, and 52% of rhythmic transcripts at this station (Figure 3E and 3F). These results indicate day-scale oscillations in energetic demands and nutrient supply, with clear modifications of period and phase of oscillations according to stations (Figures 3C, 3D, 3E, and 3F). For instance, isoforms of Glucose-6-phosphate-1-dehydrogenase (carbohydrate metabolic process, Figure 4C and Table S2G), identified to be under the control of the circadian clock in *Drosophila* (McDonald and Rosbash, 2001), and Leukotriene A-4 hydrolase (proteolysis, Figure 4E and Table S2I), oscillate with a daily pattern at both stations, with clear phase shifts (peaking respectively at 6-7h and 2-3h at *South* and at 22-23h and 18-19h at *North*). In contrast enolase transcription is ultradian at both stations (Figure 4C and Table S2G), with again a clear phase shift (peaking after low tides at *South* and at high tides at *North*). This gene encodes for a protein involved in glycolysis and has been shown to have a peak of expression during the night in the Antarctic krill in the lab under L/D exposure (no tides), corresponding to the high level of activity and oxygen consumption in this species in the field (Biscontin et al., 2019). Finally, isoforms of Trehalase (Figure 4C and Table S2G), Calpain-7, Carboxypeptidase B and Aminopeptidase (Figure 4E and Table S2I), involved in carbohydrate metabolic processes and proteolysis, give a clear illustration of the switch of period range according to stations, from daily oscillations at *South* to ultradian ones at *North*. In summary our results highlight plasticity of the rhythmic transcriptome in

*C. finmarchicus* suggesting that the widely rhythmic transcriptome is tuned to the cyclic environmental conditions of the prevailing habitat.

### **Persistent cycling of *C. finmarchicus* transcriptome during midnight sun**

In high latitude marine environments without overt day/night cycles, entrainment of the circadian clock by light and associated rhythmic gene oscillations is considered unlikely (Bertolini et al., 2019; Schmal et al., 2020). However, even during months of permanent darkness or illumination, Polar marine regions remain rhythmic environments, with a persistence of the sun's oscillations below or above the horizon (Cohen et al., 2020; Hobbs et al., 2018; Wallace et al., 2010). Here, the widely daily rhythmic gene oscillations observed at two high Arctic latitude stations during summer solstice, illustrate that subtle daily changes of light intensity or quality are sufficient to synchronize daily molecular rhythms in the key zooplanktonic species *C. finmarchicus*, which is consistent with the high levels of visual acuity recorded in this species (Båtnes et al., 2015).

Some studies show that several Arctic species exhibit daily activity rhythms in the absence of diel light cycles, while others become arrhythmic proposing that the absence of rhythms could be beneficial in polar environments (Abhilash et al., 2017; Bertolini et al., 2019; Bloch et al., 2013). In zooplankton, the most described daily rhythm is the behavior of diel vertical migration (DVM) to the surface at night in order to balance the need to feed close to the surface against the accompanying risk of predation by visually hunting predators (Häfker et al., 2017). DVM has been frequently observed during autumn and spring in the high Arctic when the diel light/dark cycle is present (Dale and Kaartvedt, 2000; Fortier et al., 2001). However, data for synchronized DVM during the Arctic midnight sun are contrasting (Blachowiak-Samolyk et al., 2006; Cottier et al., 2006; Dale and Kaartvedt, 2000; Fortier et al., 2001; Wallace et al., 2010). While the persistence and the purpose of maintaining DVM during this period is under debate, the multitude of daily transcripts observed in this study, including those involved in circadian clock machinery, carbohydrate/lipid metabolism, and proteolysis, suggests that a daily temporal organization at the transcriptomic level could be an advantage for copepods, whether ex- or intrinsic (Abhilash et al., 2017).

However at extremely high latitudes and under sea-ice, gene oscillations become re-organized to include <24 h (ultradian) gene cycles. Entrainment of the circadian (or other) clock(s) and clock-controlled genes may therefore be modulated to include other, non-photoc signals (i.e. tidal cycles) (Connor and Gracey, 2011; Mat et al., 2020; Satoh and Terai, 2019; Schnytzer et al., 2018). Interestingly, some genes belonging to eukaryotic translation initiation factors and heat shock proteins are shown to be ultradian in this study, while these genes families have been shown to present conserved harmonic oscillations (ultradian rhythms generated by the circadian clock) between fungi and mammals (Ananthasubramaniam et al., 2018) (Table S3). Here, we propose that ultradian rhythms in *C. finmarchicus* may be entrained by ambient tidal cues such as potential current reversal, food availability, turbulence, salinity or temperature cycles caused by the tides (Massicotte et al., 2020; Oziel et al., 2019; Tessmar-Raible et al., 2011). While ultradian oscillations are also observed at the South sea-ice-free station, under-ice currents at North station could lead to important tidal cycles of food availability (from ice algae), salinity or temperature (Massicotte et al., 2020; Oziel et al., 2019). Thus, the tidal reorganization at North may facilitate for example ingestion rate (Conover et al., 1986; Ibáñez-Tejero et al., 2018; Petrusevich et al., 2020; Schmitt et al., 2011), as suggested by the increase of ultradian oscillations of key metabolic processes in copepods at this station.

The bimodal aspect of the *C. finmarchicus* transcriptomes, presenting both daily and ultradian oscillations, as well as a differential daily / ultradian ratio between stations, were in accordance with the bimodal oscillations of circadian clock transcripts (Figure S1, Hüppe et al., 2020). This corroborated the hypothesis of Hüppe et al. (2020) that the circadian clock could be functional during summer solstice at high latitudes and, as proposed in other species (Enright, 1976; Tran et al., 2020), could be synchronized by both daily and tidal environmental cycles, with a balance between one or the other depending on their relative importance and the associated advantages to synchronize biological processes accordingly, relevant to each ecosystem. Moreover, the station-specific phases of daily and ultradian transcripts complement the idea of the ability to adapt to site-specific changes of risks and opportunities related to the daily and tidal environmental cycles. Thus, the observed plasticity of rhythmic transcriptomes could be of high adaptive advantage to deal with the specificity of each habitat, and could allow *C. finmarchicus* to adapt to the high Arctic environmental cycles, unrestrained by photoperiod (Huffeldt, 2020; Reygondeau and Beau-grand, 2011; Saikkonen et al., 2012). Finally, daily and ultradian oscillations of key metabolic processes

strongly suggest the persistence of feeding and respiration rhythms during midnight sun, with potentially important ecological consequences regarding trophic interactions and biogeochemical processes (Giering et al., 2014; Sanders et al., 2014).

### Limitations of the study

As discussed above, in a context of field study, organisms are exposed to environmental cycles. Thus we cannot rule out that the observed rhythmicity stems from a direct response to light, rather than a clock-controlled regulation. However the consistency between the circadian clock genes expression and the transcriptomic patterns highly suggests a functional clock. Moreover, the endogenous clock(s) controls different layers of regulation to provide robust timing cues at the cellular and tissue level. Here we identified temporal patterns in periodic gene expression by measuring mRNA accumulation. However, the temporal regulation is a dynamic process, including regulation of posttranscriptional mechanisms such as translational efficiency or protein accumulation (Mermet et al., 2017). Thus, further studies at the proteomic or physiological levels are necessary to decipher the exact timing of key biological processes mentioned in this study.

### Resource availability

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#### Materials availability

This study did not generate new unique reagents.

#### Data and code availability

The transcriptomic data sets generated during this study are available in the NCBI Bioproject PRJNA628886 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA628886>) and in the figshare collection 5127704 (<https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.c.5127704>). All the scripts supporting the current study are available from the corresponding author on request.

### Methods

All methods can be found in the accompanying [Transparent methods supplemental file](#).

### Supplemental information

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## **Supplemental Information**

**Widely rhythmic transcriptome**

**in *Calanus finmarchicus***

**during the high Arctic summer solstice period**

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# Transparent Methods

## EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECTS DETAILS

All animal work was conducted in accordance with local legislation. All investigations were performed on CV life stages of the copepod *Calanus finmarchicus* (Gunnerus, 1770). Copepods were sorted for species (*C. finmarchicus*) and stage (CV stage copepodites) at 2°C under a stereo microscope using morphological characteristics. To distinguish *C. finmarchicus* from its closely related Arctic congener *C. glacialis*, the redness of the antenna, which has been shown to be a good indicator in the regions, was particularly used (Nielsen et al., 2014). Morphological identification method was validated by molecular species identification on a subset of samples from the same stations. DNA was extracted from individual copepods using the HotShot method (Truett et al., 2000), and the species-specific nuclear insertion/deletion (InDel) marker G-150 was amplified using a modified protocol from Smolina et al. (2014). Identification was done by accessing the size of the resulting amplicon via electrophoresis on a 2% agarose gel. 99 % of the individuals identified as *C. finmarchicus* by the morphological identification method were also identified as *C. finmarchicus* by the molecular identification method (n=305 individuals).

## METHOD DETAILS

### Study sites characteristics

Sampling was conducted during Cruise JR17006 of the *RRS James Clark Ross* in summer 2018 at two stations along a latitudinal gradient. The *South* station was located in the southern Barents Sea (B13; 74.5 °N, 30 °E) and the *North* station in the Nansen Basin (JR85; 82.56 °N, 30.85 °E) (Figure 1). Water depth at *South* was 360 m and at *North* was 3700 m. During sampling times, the ice edge was located at about 81° to 82° N, roughly following the shelf slope north of Svalbard, thus *South* station (74.5 °N) was ice-free, whereas *North* station (82.56 °N) was located within the ice cover. The sun's altitude was always above the horizon but still showed diel oscillations of altitude above the horizon from 7.7 ° at midnight to 38.6 ° at midday at *South*, and from 16 ° at midnight to 30.9 ° at midday at *North*, at the times of sampling (local time, UTC +2). Sites were exposed to semidiurnal tide regimes, i.e., 2 tidal cycles per day, with a maximum amplitude of  $\pm 0.36$  m at *South* and  $\pm 0.47$  m at *North* at times of sampling. Atmospheric PAR measurements and additional physical characteristics of the sampling sites are available in the publication of Hüppe et al. (2020).

### Field sampling time series

The sampling strategy was specifically designed for the detection of rhythmic transcripts. Sampling covered a complete 24h cycle at 4h intervals, resulting in seven time points per station. At each station, sampling was performed in similar times frames: 14-15h, 18-19h, 22-23h, 2-3h, 6-7h, and 10-11h (all times noted in local time (UTC+2)). Sampling at *South* station started on 30<sup>th</sup> June (9 days after the summer solstice) at 14-15h and ended on 1<sup>st</sup> July at 14-15h. Sampling at *North* station started on 18<sup>th</sup> June (3 days before the summer solstice) at 10-11h and ended on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10-11h. Field sampling interval was conducted on a near semi-lunar cycle (12 days apart) to ensure tidal and solar cycles were in phase. At each timepoint the water column was sampled from 200 m to the surface with vertical hauls of a WP2 plankton net (opening  $\varnothing$ : 57 cm, net length: 236 cm, mesh size: 200  $\mu$ m) with a meshed bucket cod end (mesh size: 200  $\mu$ m) at a speed of 0.5 m\*s<sup>-1</sup>. Transferring the animals from the net into the stabilization solution was done within less than 12

minutes for all samplings. A 12h period of incubation at 2 - 4°C was allowed to soak the samples thoroughly with the RNAlater stabilization solution (Ambion, UK) before they were transferred to -80°C for further transport and storage.

## **RNA extraction**

Copepods were sorted at 2°C and for each timepoint and station, 3 replicates of 15 *C. finmarchicus* CV were analyzed (315 individuals per station in total). Each replicate was homogenized in 600 µl of TRIzol® reagent (ThermoFisher Scientific, USA) with a Precellys® 24 Tissue Homogenizer (Bertin Instruments, France). For RNA extraction, a Phenol/Chloroform based single-step extraction in combination with a spin column based solid phase extraction (Direct-zol™ RNA MiniPrep Kit, Zymo Research, USA) was used. Genomic DNA was removed by DNase I digestion on column as part of the RNA extraction kit and total RNA was eluted in ultra-pure water. Total RNA samples were stored at -80°C and send to GeT-PlaGe core facility on dry ice. RNA purity and quantity was checked on a NanoDrop 8000 spectrophotometer (ThermoFisher Scientific, USA) and RNA integrity was checked using a Fragment Analyzer (Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc., Iowa, USA; RNA Kit (15nt) Standard Sensitivity, Agilent).

## **RNA sequencing**

RNAseq was performed at the GeT-PlaGe core facility, INRA Toulouse. The 42 RNA-seq libraries were prepared according to Illumina's protocols using the Illumina TruSeq Stranded mRNA sample prep kit to analyze mRNA. Briefly, mRNA were selected using poly-T beads. Then, RNA were fragmented to generate double stranded cDNA and adaptors were ligated to be sequenced. 11 cycles of PCR were applied to amplify libraries. Library quality was assessed using a Fragment Analyser (Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc., Iowa, USA) and libraries were quantified by qPCR using the Kapa Library Quantification Kit (Roche). RNA-seq experiments have been performed on a NovaSeq S4 lane (Illumina, California, USA) using a paired-end read length of 2x150 pb with the Illumina NovaSeq Reagent Kits.

## RNA sequencing bioinformatics analysis

Details on bioinformatics analysis are available in the article by Payton et al., 2020. Sequenced reads were aligned by BWA MEM (<http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml>) to the reference *de novo* transcriptome of *Calanus finmarchicus* (Lenz et al., 2014) and quantification matrix was generated thanks to samtools idxstat (Li et al., 2009) results. The percentage of mapped (single) reads is  $95.5 \pm 0.001$  %, and the percentage of multimapped reads is  $2.6 \pm 0.05$  %, attested for a good alignment of the dataset on the reference transcriptome. The 76 550 transcripts with more than 1 cpm were selected over the 206 012 transcripts for further analysis. The reference transcriptome was annotated with diamond v0.9.22 (Buchfink et al., 2015) against Swissprot, TrEMBL and NR. Only the best hits of each database were selected if i) the percent of the query length covered by the alignment was higher than 60% ; ii) the percent of the subject length covered by the alignment was higher than 40%; iii) the percent of identity of the alignment was higher than 40%. Interproscan v5.29-68.0 (Jones et al., 2014) was used to associate a Gene Ontology to contigs. The mapped reads were down-sampled to the lowest number of mapped reads among the 42 samples (down-sampling normalization) with StreamSampler.jar (<https://github.com/shenkers/sampling>), i.e. to 70.4 million reads per sample for all samples (Hughes et al., 2017; Koike et al., 2012; Li et al., 2015), in order to adjust for differences in sequencing depth among samples. Finally, 76 550 transcripts per station were analyzed for statistical rhythmic analysis and Gene Ontology study. Row transcriptomic data, annotation table and down-sampling normalization table are available in the NCBI Bioproject PRJNA628886 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA628886>) and in the figshare collection 5127704 (<https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.c.5127704>).

## Real-time quantitative PCR verification

RNA sequencing results were verified through RT-qPCR analysis (Figure S1). Raw data of expression from Hüppe et al. (2020) of six circadian core clock genes (*clock*, *cycle*, *period1*, *timeless*, *cryptochrome2*, *vriille*) and 2 circadian clock-related genes (*cryptochrome1* and *doubletime2*), relative to the geometric mean of the most stable reference genes (*elongation factor 1- $\alpha$*  and *16s rRNA*), were analyzed on the exact same samples analyzed in this study. In parallel, these clock and clock-related transcripts were identified in the

transcriptomic results based on Christie et al. (2013). Profiles of expression were plotted and statistical rhythmic analysis were performed on both analyzes (RNA sequencing and RT-qPCR) and showed strong similarities (Figure S1), comforting the relevance of the rhythmic transcriptomic analysis.

## **QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

### **Environmental parameters**

Information on the location of the sea ice edge at the time of sampling at *North* were obtained from ice concentration maps available from the *meereisportal* (Grosfeld et al., 2016). Modeled data of sun altitude were obtained from the United States Naval Observatory (<https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/AltAz.php>, USNO, USA) Information on the tidal dynamics have been drawn from the TPX08 model (Egbert and Erofeeva, 2002) by using the OTPS package (Tidal Prediction Software, <http://www-po.coas.oregonstate.edu/~poa/www-po/research/po/research/tide/index.html>), via the mbotps program (MB-System; Caress and Chayes, 2016).

### **Rhythmic analysis**

Rhythmic analysis of transcripts over the 24h cycles was performed in RStudio (Version 1.2.1335, R version 3.6.3, R Core Team, 2013), using RAIN package. RAIN was specifically designed to detect rhythms in biological datasets independent of waveform by using a non-parametric approach (Thaben and Westermark, 2014). The 76 550 transcripts of each station were tested together (153 100 total transcripts). The false discovery rate of the *p-values* was corrected using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995). The time series have been tested using the three samples per timepoint as replicates and the “independent” mode. Based on the sampling plan and RAIN algorithm terms of use, the following periods were tested: 24h, 20h, 16h and 12h. Period lengths of 20h and 24 h were in the circadian range, while period lengths of 12 and 16h were in the ultradian range. In this study, gene expression oscillating in a circadian or ultradian period range will be called “daily” and “ultradian”, respectively, assuming that they are the results of an endogenous clock regulation or a direct response to environmental factors (Helm et al., 2017). For each

period and each transcript, the waveform yielding the most significant result was selected. Then, for each transcript, the period yielding the most significant result was selected. The associated phase was determined by RAIN algorithm. When the period length was shorter than the time frame (24h), the second and third phases were deducted according to the RAIN model. Heatmaps were plotted in RStudio using heatmap3 package (<https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/heatmap3>). Relative levels of expression were calculated for each transcripts by normalizing levels of expression to the median of the seven time points. For visualization purposes, relative levels of expression above 1 were binned to 1. For each heatmaps, transcripts were ordered by phases. Amplitudes of oscillating transcripts were calculated as  $((\text{maximum value} - \text{minimum value}) / \text{minimum value})$  (Hughes et al., 2012; Payton et al., 2017). Normalization by the minimum value makes it possible to be exempt from the differences in the level of expression of each transcript. For the RT-qPCR verification of RNA sequencing (6 core circadian clock genes and 2 circadian clock-related genes, Figure S1), the period yielding the most significant result in each period range (circadian and ultradian) was selected, thus assuming two hypothetical significant period lengths per transcripts.

## Gene Ontology

Gene Ontology (GO) analysis of biological processes were performed in RStudio (Version 1.2.1335, R version 3.6.3, R Core Team, 2013), using the topGO package (Rahnenfuhrer J, 2019). Enrichment analyses were performed using Fisher's exact test and *Weight* method (Alexa et al., 2006) thanks to homemade scripts (<https://forgemia.inra.fr/bios4biol/bioinfo-utils/-/blob/master/bin/GOEnrichment.R>). The false discovery rate of the *p*-values was corrected using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995; McDonald, 2014). For the enrichment analyses presented Fig. S2B, S3B and S4B, circadian and ultradian transcripts were tested together.



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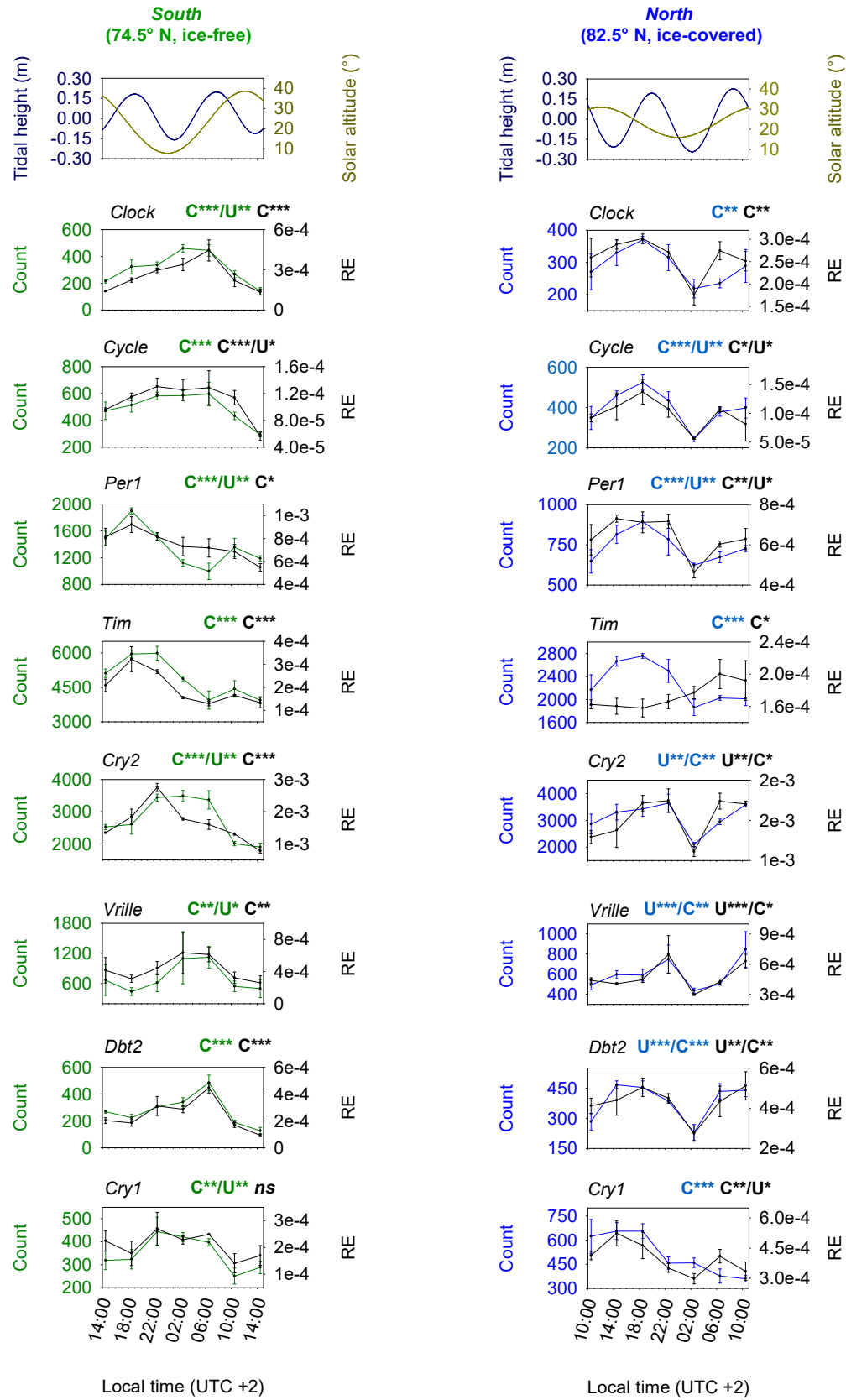
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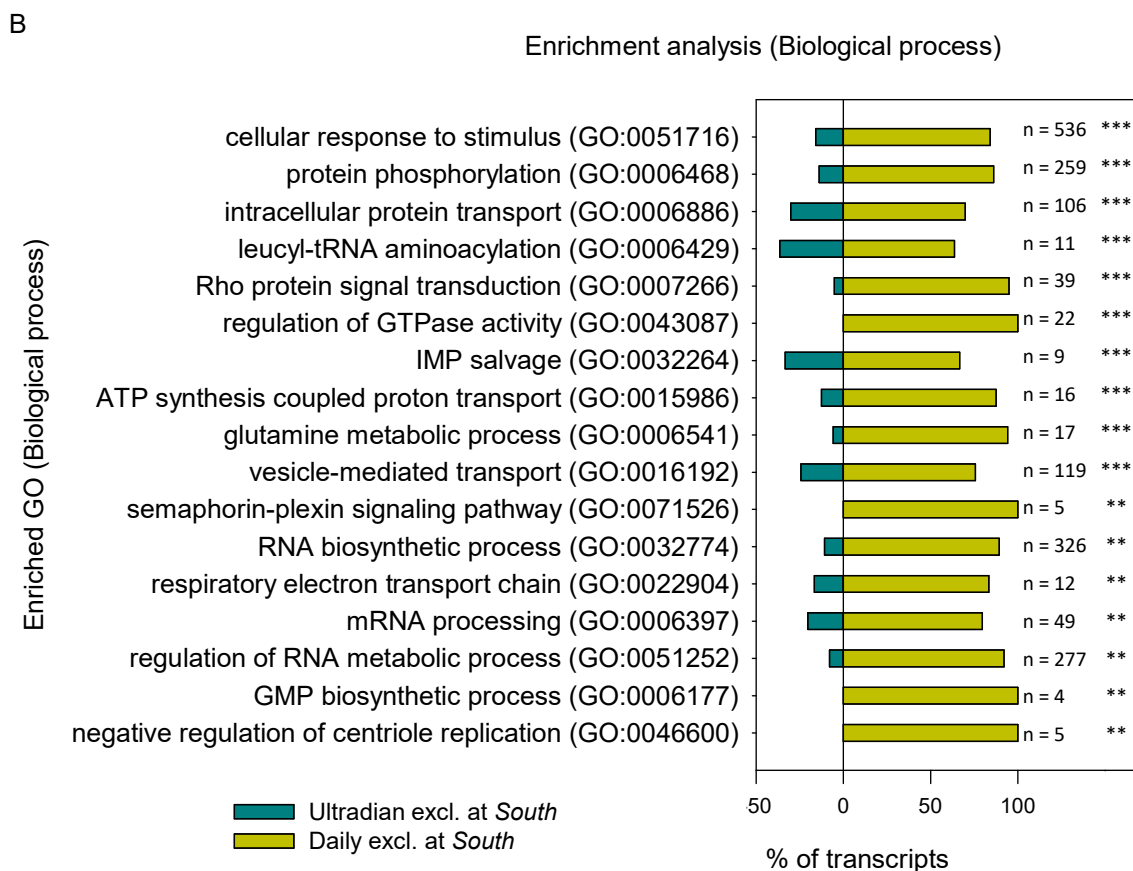
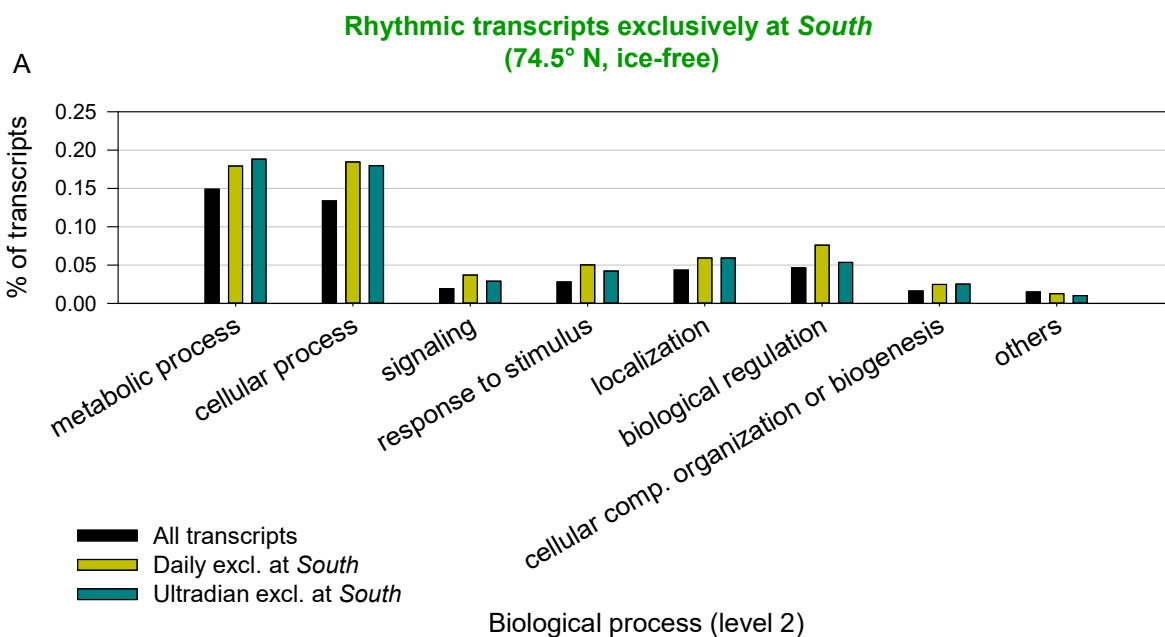
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## **Supplemental figures**

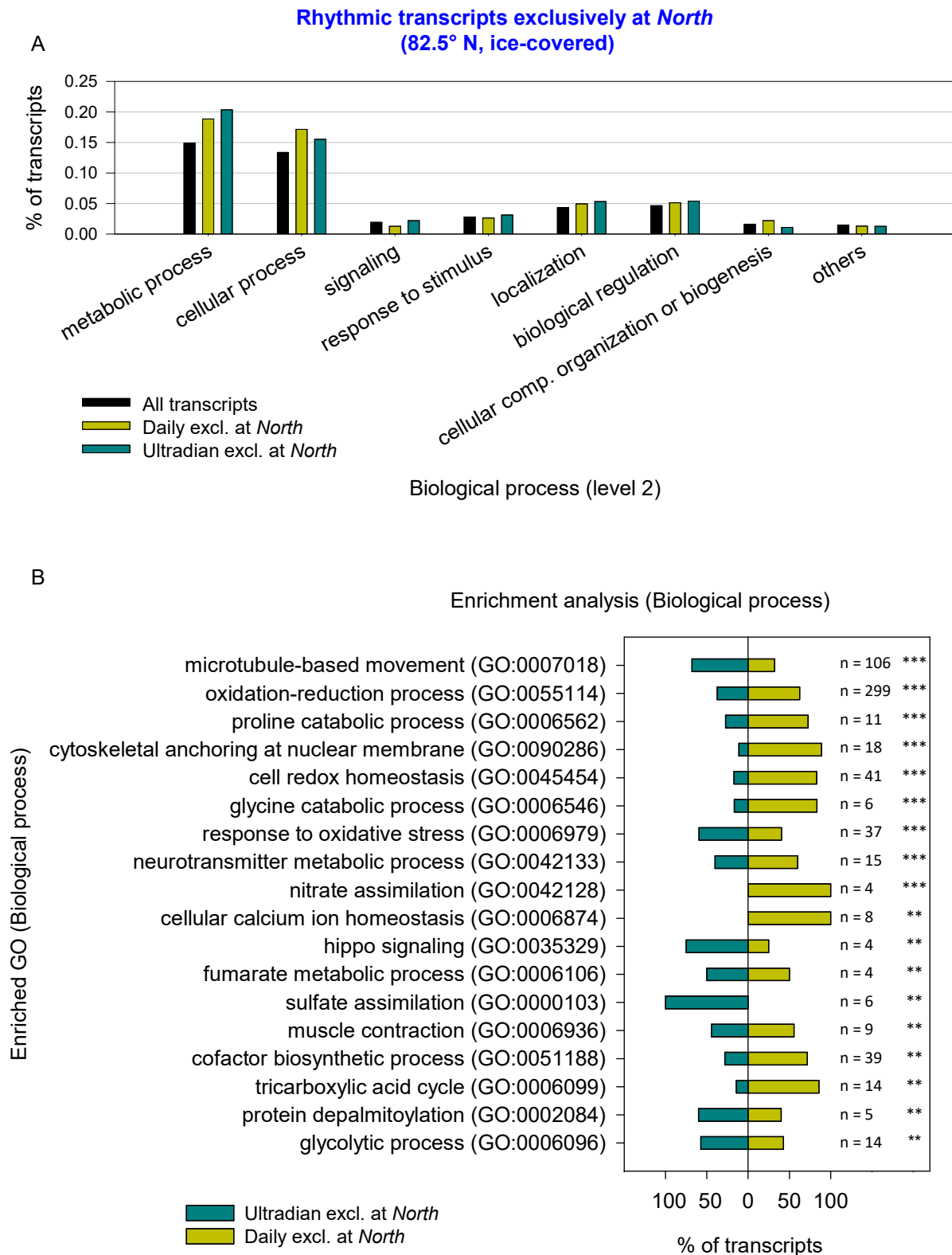


**Figure S1: Real-time quantitative PCR validation of RNA sequencing analysis with 6 core circadian clock and 2 clock-related genes at each station, related to Figures 1 and 2.** Data from RNA-seq (Count, green and blue) and from RT-qPCR (RE, relative expression, black) are compared at each station. Significant levels of oscillations detected by RAIN (Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted  $p$ -values) within circadian (C, 20/24 h) and ultradian (U, 12/16 h) period ranges were indicated with stars: \* Adjusted- $p \leq 0.05$ , \*\* Adjusted- $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* Adjusted- $p < 0.001$ .



**Figure S2: GO analysis of rhythmic transcripts exclusively at South (74.5°N, ice-free), related to Figure 3. See legend next page.**

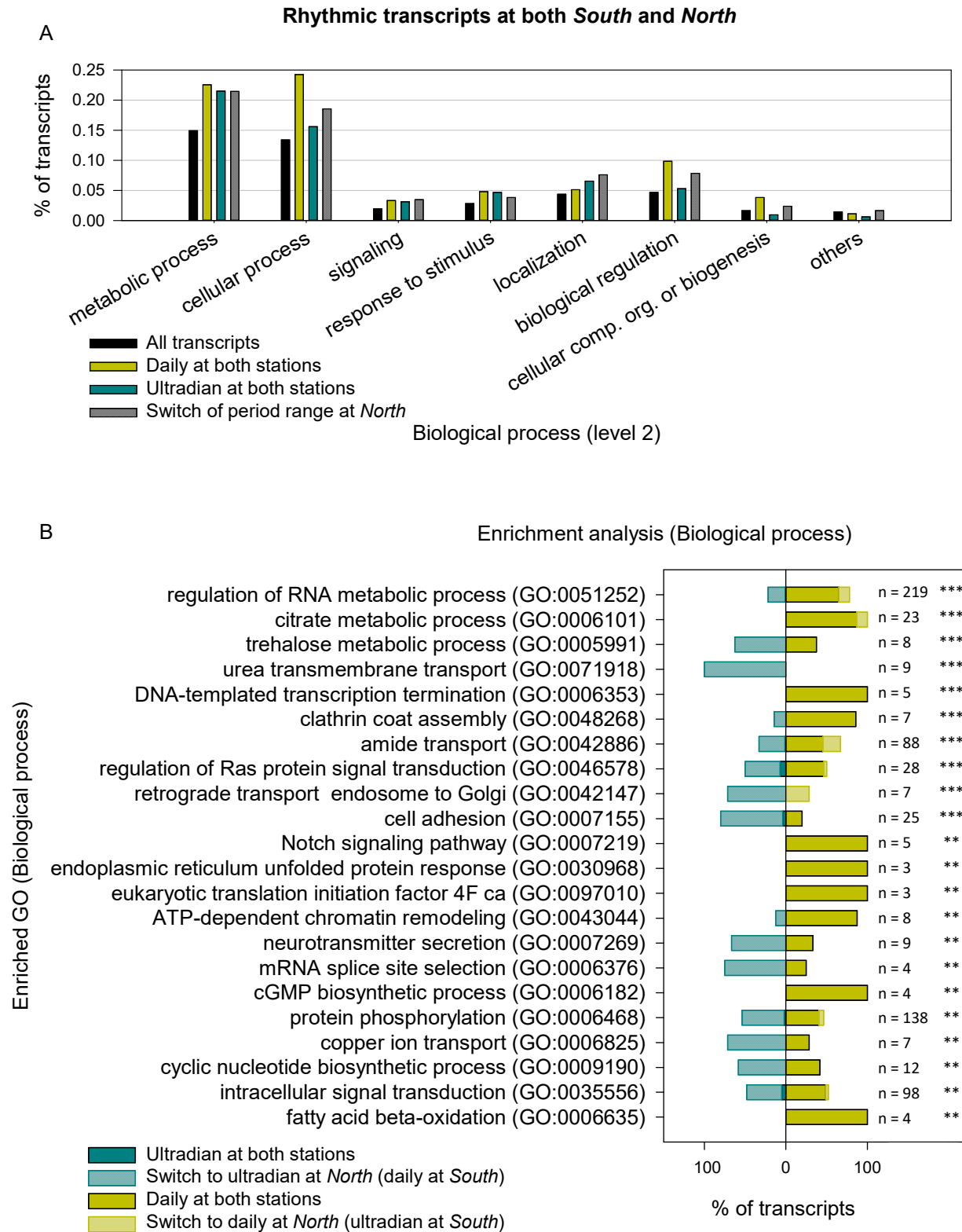
**Legend Figure S2: GO analysis of rhythmic transcripts exclusively at *South* (74.5°N, ice-free), related to Figure 3.** A. Distribution of GO at level 2 (Biological process) in all transcripts (rhythmic and non rhythmic, n = 76550), daily transcripts exclusively at *South* (n = 9859), and ultradian transcripts exclusively at *South* (n = 2242) (significant rhythmicity with an adjusted p-value < 0.001). Distribution of metabolic process (GO:0008152), cellular process (GO:0009987), signaling (GO:0023052), multicellular organismal process (GO:0032501), developmental process (GO:0032502), response to stimulus (GO:0050896), localization (GO:0051179), biological regulation (GO:0065007), cellular component organization or biogenesis (GO:0071840) and others was expressed in percentage of transcripts per group. B. Enrichment analysis (Biological process) of all rhythmic transcripts exclusively at *South* (74.5°N, ice-free). For each enriched functions (adjusted p-value > 0.01), the percentage of ultradian and daily transcripts in each enriched function were detailed. On the right, “n” indicated the total number of transcripts per enriched function (ultradian and daily), and the stars indicated the level of significance of the enrichment analysis: \*\* Adjusted-p < 0.01, \*\*\* Adjusted-p < 0.001.



**Figure S3: GO analysis of rhythmic transcripts exclusively at North (82.5°N, ice-covered), related to Figure 3. See legend next page.**



**Legend Figure S3: GO analysis of rhythmic transcripts exclusively at *North* (82.5°N, ice-covered), related to Figure 3.** A. Distribution of GO at level 2 (Biological process) in all transcripts (rhythmic and non rhythmic, n = 76550), daily transcripts exclusively at *North* (n = 3788), and ultradian transcripts exclusively at *North* (n = 2902) (significant rhythmicity with an adjusted p-value < 0.001). Distribution of metabolic process (GO:0008152), cellular process (GO:0009987), signaling (GO:0023052), multicellular organismal process (GO:0032501), developmental process (GO:0032502), response to stimulus (GO:0050896), localization (GO:0051179), biological regulation (GO:0065007), cellular component organization or biogenesis (GO:0071840) and others was expressed as percentage of transcripts per group. B. Enrichment analysis (Biological process) of all rhythmic transcripts exclusively at *North* (82.5°N, ice-covered). For each enriched functions (adjusted p-value > 0.01), the percentage of ultradian and daily transcripts in each enriched function were detailed. On the right, “n” indicated the total number of transcripts per enriched function (ultradian and daily), and the stars indicated the level of significance of the enrichment analysis: \*\* Adjusted-p < 0.01, \*\*\* Adjusted-p < 0.001.



**Figure S4: GO analysis of common rhythmic transcripts between South (74.5°N, ice-free) and North (82.5°N, ice-covered) stations, related to Figure 3. See legend next page.**

**Legend Figure S4: GO analysis of common rhythmic transcripts between *South* (74.5°N, ice-free) and *North* (82.5°N, ice-covered) stations, related to Figure 3.** A. Distribution of GO at level 2 (Biological process) in all transcripts (rhythmic and non rhythmic, n = 76550), daily transcripts at both stations (n = 2814), ultradian transcripts at both stations (n = 322), and rhythmic transcripts at both stations, with a switch of period range at *North* (n = 2808) (significant rhythmicity with an adjusted p-value < 0.001). Distribution of metabolic process (GO:0008152), cellular process (GO:0009987), signaling (GO:0023052), multicellular organismal process (GO:0032501), developmental process (GO:0032502), response to stimulus (GO:0050896), localization (GO:0051179), biological regulation (GO:0065007), cellular component organization or biogenesis (GO:0071840) and others was expressed as percentage of transcripts per group. B. Enrichment analysis (Biological process) of all rhythmic transcripts at both stations. For each enriched functions (adjusted p-value > 0.01), the percentage of common ultradian, common daily and common transcripts which change of period range at *North* were detailed. Transcripts which change of period range at *North* were represented as expressed at *North* (opposite period range at *South*). On the right, “n” indicated the total number of transcripts per enriched function (all rhythmicities), and the stars indicated the level of significance of the enrichment analysis: \*\* Adjusted-p <0.01, \*\*\* Adjusted-p <0.001.